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**EDITORIAL**

**Let's Get Back Our Community Spirit**

Surely we in Acton have not lost our independence. Surely we have not followed the trend to lean on governments for all guidance and help. We can and likely will have a grand reunion and celebration this year marking the raising of Acton to town status. It will be a success if every citizen joins in and takes a part. As we said before there are over 2600 people in Acton beside the nine who sit on Council and we never could see that those nine men should be given all the work of the town to do.

Council has taken the initiative in the town celebration this year. Let's all get behind and give a lift as we used to do back in the days before government controls and regulations taught us to be such spineless and leaning creatures. Let's do a community job in a community way by all the community participating. The next meeting is on March 17th for every citizen of Acton and district.

**Our Greatest Investment**

This is the week the importance of education is stressed as the foundation of good citizenship. Education has rightly been described as an investment in people. A survey made by the United States Chamber of Commerce, covering many countries shows a direct relation between the educational level and the standard of living, regardless of natural resources or other apparently important factors. All of us are interested in improving the level of prosperity and the standard of living. Perhaps we have not been sufficiently concerned with the educational investment in our people required to bring about this improvement.

While the control of education lies with the various provinces, education is essentially a community responsibility and we should be working to study our educational system, to understand its needs and to make our schools an integral part of community life.

The election of the best possible citizens to serve on school boards; the problems of administration, finance and sources of revenue; of adequate planning and budgeting for future growth and development; of securing and retaining in the profession the most capable men and women teachers; of recognition of their important status in the community, and of close co-operation among parents, teachers and business and industry are all important matters which should be studied. Wise decisions must be based on facts, not opinions. Facts can be obtained only by study and research.

Much can be done to assist those charged with the responsibility for education in our towns, cities and villages to do their work better and to bring to citizens in general a better appreciation of what is being accomplished and of the task that lies ahead.

Education Week in Canada is March 5th to 11th and herein lies an opportunity for organizations in our communities to recognize this important week in some way.

**Municipal Councils Not to Blame**

All across Canada municipal taxpayers are receiving bad news. Expenditures are going up and so are tax rates. In the last 10 years as a recent survey in The Financial Post revealed, municipal expenditures have jumped almost 60% with a 40% gain since 1945 alone. And after a substantial period of steady decline, municipal debt is on the way up too, thus also adding to the burden of the taxpayer.

Members of municipal councils—who are supposed to protect and watch the interests of the municipal taxpayers—should watch these trends closely. This is not the time to see how much money they can spend or what new projects they can start. There are few bargains indeed offered the municipal shopper in the present market, continues the Post.

But, where oh where is this watch-dog of the municipalities known as the Municipal Board and by which municipal expenditure must be approved and such approval must be paid for by the municipalities. If municipal expenditures are increasing the fault in most cases does not lie with municipal councils who are harassed at every meeting or at every corner for more attention, wider service, lower taxes and quite often giving Council service without receiving even out-of-pocket expenses. We have never understood the function of the Municipal Board was to curb over expenditure of the municipalities and to give advice and guidance.

It might be well to take a look at government requirements that have added to municipal taxes during the past few years. For over a quarter of a century we have been very close to municipal councils. We have never found them to be the spend-thrifts that those in higher public service are. The local municipal servant is too close to the taxpayer to be a spend-thrift very long. His term is usually one year and not four and his conduct of municipal affairs is very close to himself and his neighbours.

Each year Red Cross extends the opportunity to every one of us to do something to help others and, in the last analysis, to help ourselves. Through its medium we express Canada's generosity to other peoples of the world in dire need, we help our neighbour when misfortune strikes, we lay the foundations for a better health and well-being of our own citizens and the coming generations.

**One Man Alone**

What can one man alone accomplish against the world? Lost in this tiny planet whirling in the dark immensity of space, stifled by the growing complexities of a civilization still close to savagery, battered by the struggle for existence, what can one man do to keep alive the spark of human generosity and kindness that will warm his heart and set a light to guide his path?

By joining his hand with others a man can see realized the good he wishes to perform. By co-operating with others a man can help to stem the currents of misfortune and ill luck that overwhelm many.

Red Cross is a channel for the kindest impulses of each one of us. It is this great co-operative effort, this response from one heart in concert with millions that makes the Red Cross a living symbol of mercy.

That's why we say, as the annual Red Cross appeal opens this March, "Give generously! Give from the heart!"

**Easter Seal Sale**

During the next few weeks more than 150 service clubs throughout Ontario will engage in an annual sale of Easter seals. Their efforts will be on behalf of an organization of which they form a vital and vigorous part whose objective cannot help but appeal to everyone.

That objective is the meeting of medical and surgical skill with children who often otherwise would not receive such attention. The Ontario Society for Crippled Children has grown from a big idea with a small beginning to the point where today it aligns scores of people in a chain of curative effort for hundreds of children.

Its methods are simple. In this scientific age we have the skills to correct conditions which cripple. Yet we also have countless children either born with deformities or stricken by such plagues as polio. Many such children, in fact most of those who are most seriously affected, live in remote areas or in communities where specialized attention is not available. Many are children of families with insufficient funds to provide such attention.

Through its district nurses, each specially trained and recognized by the government as qualified orthopaedic instructors, these children are sought by contact with local medical officers, school officials and similar authorities. Clinics are held to which the Society brings outstanding consultants,—volunteers from famous hospitals. Here diagnosis is made, treatment prescribed and, if needed, arrangements made for hospitalization.

This work is sponsored in local centres by service clubs. Upon the clubs fall heavy expenses. The volume of benefits to children has grown tremendously in recent years; so has the cost. Every seal sold for this cause means the work can continue and another child will be helped. Remember this when you are offered Easter Seals this year.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Democracy isn't a scramble where everyone seeks place, but an ensemble where everyone takes a part.

Settling of the coal strike will come as good news in most communities. The cost will have to be gone into when the weather is not so cold.

Looks as if February and March are the best months for a holiday in the south. Folks there now have missed the worst of the winter here.

A five million dollar, five year plan of highway construction has been outlined for Ontario. Of course maintenance on present highways will be sustained, we hope.

**Recollections of Acton BACK IN 1900**

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 1, 1939

In the railway smashup near Peterborough, last Thursday, Mr. C. Hill, who worked here as a section man for a couple of years, but who has lately been a brakeman, had his leg broken and his arm and head badly injured. His mate, T. J. McHugh, was killed.

The sad news reached Acton on Thursday of the death of Mr. Morley Bryers, youngest son of Rev. Wm. Bryers, at his home in St. Paul, Minn., after a very brief illness from pneumonia.

On Wednesday last, February 28, a delightful wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Jno. Kinnard on the town-line between Esqueving and Nantawaga. The contracting parties were Miss Lizzie Sprawl, sister of Mrs. Kinnard, and Mr. Donald Currie, of Erin Township.

Mrs. John H. Cameron left on Tuesday for Gloversville, N.Y., after spending a couple of months with Acton friends. She was accompanied by Miss Ida Grindell and Mr. Wm. Smith, Sr., who will spend a few months in the American Glace centre.

The roads are in a very bad state at present. It took Mr. George Cann, the genial postmaster of Grewson's Corner, and a team of horses and five men, seven hours to take the mail to and from Acton, a distance of about six miles for the round trip last Friday.

**BACK IN 1930**

From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 4, 1939

Have't seen any new 1930 maple syrup yet.

The Chautauque coming to Acton this month will provide two plays, two lectures and two musical programmes.

Mr. M. C. Overholt has accepted a position with the Peerless Engineering Co. at Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. Overholt have removed to Toronto. They will be greatly missed in the community.

Last week three 250 KVA transformers were unloaded for use at the local hydro station. The new transformers will give this station a load capacity of 1000 h.p.

At a special meeting of the Council and business men Mr. E. Hartop was engaged as the night watchman and his duties began on March 1st.

A fire of unknown origin broke out early Sunday morning at the old Hollywood Hotel. Normal. The blaze was brought under control in time to save the major portion of the building.

**BORN**  
 McNIVEN, At Kimberly, B.C. on Tuesday, March 4, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. John G. McNiven, a son.

**DIED**  
 COLEMAN, In the General Hospital, N.Y., on Sunday, March 2, 1939, Ena Thomas, beloved wife of William H. Coleman, aged 68 years.

**WATER SURVEYING**  
 Britain's water resources are being surveyed on a nationwide scale. The government have just set up an Inland Water Survey Committee to carry on this work which was interrupted by the war.

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